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Per our conversation
the other day, paragraphs
2 and 3 appear to note
the differences in scope.

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NOTE FOR: Director of Data Processing

STAT FROM: William F. Donnelly []
Director of Communications

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1. [] briefing on 30 May was interesting and provocative as advertised. Thanks for inviting my people. After picking up bits and pieces of Bill's talk from the OC folks who attended, I decided to accept your invitation to [] to respond. []

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2. Bill's view of the world in the 1990s and our's differ considerably. Bill sees the Agency served by a number of inter-connected host or mainframe computers to which terminals would be connected. The data communications functions as well as the data processing functions appear to be primarily controlled by the hosts. []

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3. OC sees a world that includes a large number of terminals requiring access to large mainframes or hosts. But we also must serve a larger set of information handling needs that Bill appears not to address in his proposed "SAFE Architecture". Even if Bill is not addressing these needs; for example, commo for scientific computerization, secure video and imagery transmission, digital voice, word processor communications, we must. []

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4. As [] advised us, the trend toward end-users exploiting data processing technology is set. Old line organizations such as OC and ODP have to get with it and help components meet their needs. Or we should stand aside and be an observer of the action. We in OC will not stop this process toward exploitation of what technology offers. Nor will we force CIA elements to stand in line waiting support provided in the traditional and, some would say, outmoded fashion. []

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5. A philosophical debate would be interesting and useful at another time. Now is the time to get on with the job. OC has been tasked to install a value-added network (LAN or otherwise) in the new Headquarters building and to retrofit the old building. We have already been cautioned by management not to think small. We have a handle on general requirements but have been unable to get your folks to define your needs. The argument of waiting to see what technology will offer will forever delay acquisition of services sorely needed for you and me to meet our respective missions.

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